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Mitchell EMC Recognizes Washington Youth Tour Delegates

Mitchell EMC recently recognized three local high school students at their annual awards banquet that will attend the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. The tour will be held June 11 – 18, 2015.

“The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many teenagers, and we’re proud to send three of our best and brightest to Washington, DC this year to participate,” said Tony Tucker, President and CEO.

“These student-delegates will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process; learn about advocating on behalf of their community and make connections with others that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and we can give them the tools to succeed. We look forward to this year’s trip, and continuing the Youth Tour tradition for another 50 years.”

Georgia’s 100+ Youth Tour delegates hail from all corners of the state, including Dru Ford, West-

wood; Lily Houston, Southwest Georgia Academy, and T’yunna Smith, Mitchell County High School.

Delegates on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C.

The Washington Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for the past 50 years. Students apply and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative. A total of nearly 50,000 teenagers have participated in this program since its creation. For more information, visit www.youthtour.coop.



Washington Youth Tour 2015 Statewide Winners Chosen

Congratulations go out to Matthew Tucker of Mitchell EMC and Kerri Cheek from Little Ocmulgee EMC on being chosen to attend Georgia EMC’s 50th anniversary Washington Youth Tour (WYT) through the statewide essay contest.

These two will be among 112 teens attending the tour from 38 participating EMCs. The statewide competition is offered to teens related to EMC employees and directors, who are precluded from entering their local EMC’s WYT contest. Eight WYT coordinators or past chaperones from EMCs that did not have entries in the competition this year judged blind copies of the essays submitted.



A Community Partner Since 1937

EMCs Promote EMC Careers at the FFA Convention

Georgia's EMCs were well-represented at the Georgia FFA Convention April 23-25 in Macon, which had a record attendance of more than 7,000 students, teachers and guests.

At the convention's Career and Trade Show, EMC volunteers spoke with students about the many types of careers available at EMCs. Tri-County EMC provided a bucket truck, and Rayle EMC coordinated Power Town safety demonstrations.

We appreciate those who staffed the EMC Career Fair exhibit,



including Mitchell EMC's Sherrie Adams, Heather Greene and Nathan Ireland; Snapping Shoals EMC's Ken Ellington and Doug Bennett; Tri-County EMC's Kim Bonner, Joey Brown and Bruce Carroll; Rayle

EMC's Jeff Paul, Paul Wright and Tim Coulter; and Oglethorpe Power Corp.'s Liz Shallenberger. Habersham EMC's Chris Martin represented the co-ops on stage during the Wiring Contest award presentation, and many other EMC representatives helped with judging or attended the awards banquet, sponsored by Georgia EMC and the Georgia Farm Credit system.



Baconton Charter School Recognizes FFA Members

On April 30, 2015, Baconton Charter School held their Chapter FFA Banquet at the Mitchell County Ag Center. Mitchell EMC helped sponsor the Senior Greenhand Award, which was presented to Charlee Coker. Nathan Ireland also recognized Wil Snipes and Devin Wimberley for their participation in the Area FFA Wiring Practice held at Mitchell EMC last October.

WALB on the Road

Mitchell EMC was a proud sponsor of WALB on the Road. On April 30th WALB brought you the 6:00 news from the courthouse in Camilla.





Farm Bureau Ag Day

Mitchell County Farm Bureau held their annual Ag Day, May 6, 2015, at the Ag Center in Camilla. Over 300 students from surrounding schools attended. Students enjoyed Ag related booths including the Department of Natural Resources, UGA C.M. Stripling Irrigation Park, CASE IH Tractor Co., Soil and Water Agency, Mitchell County Extension, Mitchell EMC, Cotton booth, and C Powell's horses. Students learned how important these different agencies are to Farmers and agriculture.



Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

Time Of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begins on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage.

**TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.

Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Mitchell EMC Celebrates Earth Day 2015

Mitchell EMC with Green Power EMC sponsors Earth Day each year in our service area. This year, Mitchell EMC planted Dogwood Trees at Worth County Primary School. Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 2015.



Front Row (L to R): Students from Ms. Cuffie's Kindergarten class - Blythe, Tyliyah, Karson, Cale, and Brantley. Back Row (L to R): Nathan Ireland (Mitchell EMC Energy Advisor), Tonya Singletary, Heather Greene (Mitchell EMC Public Relations Coordinator), Kay Mathews (WCSD Superintendent), Jenny Worn, Sandi Giddens, Kim Pritchard & Teresa Sumner.



Employee SPOTLIGHT

Deidrea "Dee" Edmonds is Mitchell EMC's June Employee Spotlight. Deidrea is an Accounting Clerk in the Camilla District Office. She has been employed with Mitchell EMC for 25 years.

When asked what she enjoyed most about her job, Dee said, "I enjoy being a part of a Co-op that reaches out to the community and especially the youth."

"Mitchell EMC is a work place where you can grow and advance. Despite the constant changes, the people that come here to work, come with the desire to grow with the company. This, in turn has allowed for employees to also grow with each other and to feel more



like family," said Dee.

"My most memorable moment at Mitchell EMC was when a co-worker was out in the field, and was attacked by a vicious animal. Although this was a tragic situation, it was most memorable because of how the EMC family responded. Our EMC family cares and concerns were certainly shown in this co-worker's time of need."

This year will be my 26th anniversary with Mitchell EMC. My daughters Alisha Edmonds, Latonya Blasingame, son-in-law Anthony Blasingame, and my grandson Damien Blasingame have a very large extended family here at Mitchell EMC.

Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D

WATT'S COOKING



Banana Split Cake

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup sugar (divided)
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 2 packages 8 ounce cream cheese (softened)
- 1 can crushed pineapple (drained)
- 6 bananas (divided)
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 packages instant vanilla pudding
- 2 cups whipped topping (thawed)
- 1 cup chopped pecans



Mix graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar, and butter; press into 13x9 inch pan. Freeze for 10 minutes. Beat cream cheese, ¾ cup sugar, and spread over the crust. Top with pineapple. Then slice 4 bananas and spread over the pineapple. Mix pudding per the package directions, and then stir in 1 cup of whipped topping. Spread pudding mixture over the bananas. Top with the remaining whipped topping and sprinkle chopped pecans on top. Refrigerate for 5 hours. Slice remaining 2 bananas on top when ready to serve.

Thanks!

to **Bobbi Lane**,
Mitchell County, GA,
for sharing this recipe.

Share & Win!

Send us your favorite quick and easy dinner recipes. If your recipe is chosen for print, you can win a **\$25 credit** on your next Mitchell EMC bill.

Send recipes to Heather Greene, P.O. Box 409, Camilla, GA 31730 or email to heather.greene@mitchellemc.com.